



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

November 6, 2025

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Joseph Chandler
Bill Cooper
Mollie Freilicher
Dan Komlo
Kamie Long
Earl Perry
Tanya Travis

Board Members Absent:

Robert Ballard

Guests Present:

Rich Edwards

City Staff Present:

Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor, Forestry and Open Space
Cameron Walters, Communications Specialist
Allison Little Administrative Specialist

Meeting called to order by Kamie Long at 8:30 AM.

Mollie noted a typo in Joseph Chandler's name under the Forestry Board Applications section. Mollie made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. The motion was seconded by Tanya Travis and the minutes were accepted by acclamation.

Public Comments

New Business

Licensing; code language allowing period of exemption with loss of licensee

Rob Davis shared with the board that after the discussion with the contractor at last month's meeting he reached out to the City Attorney's office about the ability of the board to grant a 30 or 60 day extension upon the loss of the licensee. Staff advised the board to ensure a standard is set in the language of Chapter 8. The board discussed how long it would take to get approved to take the ISA certification exam and then to schedule it. Rob Davis reminded the board that the current process requires a non-owner ISA certification holder to appear at the time of licensing to prove they are a local employee of the company. Staff check the credential with ISA at the time of renewal but not multiple times throughout the year. The board discussed a self-reporting requirement that would create a timeline for companies who are upfront about losing their certification holders versus for companies who are found to be in violation. Board members are in favor of, provided companies self-report the loss of their certification holder, giving a window in which to schedule the exam and provide proof of passing the test. If companies do not self-report in addition to being removed from the list, penalties would require a discussion with the attorney's office. Rob discovered language in the code that currently requires immediate notification, in writing upon the loss of your certification holder. And failure to do so would

cause a 60 day suspension at the time of renewal. Due to the language in the code, Rob submitted a comment to Jamie Beard to allow 30 days to schedule the certification test and up to 60 days to provide proof of passing the test. The board will vote on this with the rest of the Chapter 8 changes at a later meeting.

Japanese Beetle Volunteers

Rob reminded the board that Mesa County is looking for volunteers to raise neighborhood awareness about Japanese Beetle. There are new areas where the bugs are being found though it does seem that progress is being made.

Forestry Board Bylaw Update

The City Clerk has asked all the staff liaisons to have their boards review their bylaws. The Forestry Bylaws do appear to be out of date as they don't match the current code. (Though they could be simply amended to match the code without coming before council.) Changes that are not reflected in the current code would need to go before council for adoption into the code. Board members had previously discussed making the Extension officer a permanent position on the board (similar to how the State Forest Service has a permanent position). Board members will review bylaws after they have completed work on Chapter 8 and Rules and Regulations.

Forestry Regulations Updates

The subcommittee continues to meet on rules and regulations and borrows some from the ANSI A300 standards. The next meeting about Forestry Regulations will be November 14 at 8:30am.

Chapter 8 Draft - tabled

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The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 10:03am

Next Meeting – RESCHEDULED – December 11, 8:30 am

Respectfully submitted,
Ali Little, Administrative Specialist